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**FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS LOUISVILLE MAN
FOR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION BY A CONVICTED FELON**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER BENNETT**, age 30, of 209 West High Street, Hodgenville, Kentucky, with being a felon in possession of ammunition.

The Indictment charges that on June 21, 2006, **Bennett**, a convicted felon, was found in possession of approximately 33 rounds of ammunition of different calibers. The Indictment alleges that **Bennett** has previous felony convictions for second degree robbery, first degree fleeing and evading a police officer, and second degree escape. Federal law makes it a crime for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to possess a firearm or ammunition.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are not less than fifteen years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Dyke, and it was investigated by the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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Bennett is scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on September 19, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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